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LETTER CONFIRMING THAT THE REVISED DRAFT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT
RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FOR 80TH DIVISION RESERVE SITE HAS BEEN RECEIVED
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**RE: Revised Draft Remedial Investigation Report Responses to Comments
80th Division Reserve Site
Fort Story, Virginia**

Dear Ms. Bateman:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received the *Revised Draft Remedial Investigation Report Responses to Comments* (RI Report RTCs) for the 80th Division Reserve Site located at Fort Story, Virginia. The RI Report RTCs, prepared by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., were received by the DEQ on June 2, 2008.

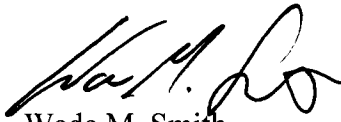
The *Revised Draft Remedial Investigation Report* was received by the DEQ on April 23, 2007. DEQ comments on the April 2007 RI Report were submitted to the Army on January 22, 2008.

Thank you for providing the DEQ's Office of Remediation Programs the opportunity to review the above-referenced RI Report RTCs. Subsequent to DEQ's internal review, this office acknowledges that all previous comments have been adequately addressed. However, the DEQ cannot concur with the recommendations to: not conduct a feasibility study (FS); and proceed to preparing a Decision Document for the site.

Although the recommendations state that preparation of a FS is not warranted, the FS is the mechanism for the development, screening, and detailed evaluation of alternative remedial actions. Without preparation of a FS, there would be no preparation of a Proposed Plan (PP). Ultimately, it is the PP that facilitates public involvement in the remedy selection process. Therefore, the DEQ recommends proceeding on to the next step in the CERCLA cleanup process with the preparation of a FS.

This letter is intended only as guidance and is not intended to be a case decision under the Virginia Administrative Process Act. If you would like to discuss this guidance, please contact me at (804) 698-4125 or wmsmith@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade M. Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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